

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON Wednesday 21st March 2018 AT 8pm IN EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT: Ian McIntosh, Valerie Chisholm, James Meneely, Rob Catterson, Gordon Wallace, Adele Thomson, Nick Bothwell, Natalie McMillan, Katy Berry

IN ATTENDANCE: Stuart Maxwell (Head Teacher), Cllr Charlie Gilbert, Shona McWilliam (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cathy Wilkie-Thompson, Dr Arezu Bari, Dr Umair Khan

1. INTRODUCTION

Ian welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (6th December 2017)

Minutes approved and seconded. They will be entered onto the school's website.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (6th December 2017)

a) Road Crossing Update

Installation of guard rails has been completed. Railings are on school side of the road. Rob Catterson asked for pupil safety, could the crossing be moved further down the road, closer to the roundabout. Stuart said that it was worth contacting the Council. Cllr Gilbert mentioned that he will contact the Roads dept and arrange with Stuart to come out sometime in May.

Stuart revealed that he had asked in the past if a 'push button' could be installed but he was informed that the road didn't have enough usage for the system to work.

4. CORRESPONDANCE

Governance Review (to follow)

INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Staffing Update

In Home Economics department Gayle Hanvidge has been appointment this week and Carol Dunn is in covering for Pamela Miller's maternity cover (1 year).

Dr Gibson (Biology) is due to go off on maternity leave at Easter but may come back for a week to make sure her pupils are on track for their exams. We have a teacher coming from Mearns Castle to cover her maternity leave.

On Friday we have 2 interviews, in the morning the Maths post, we have two vacancies, 22 applicants. In the afternoon we have the Drama interviews. We had 10 applicants for one post.

The following week we have the English post with 21 applicants applying.

Janice MacGregor PT of Pastoral and a PE Teacher will be retiring and her post will be due to be advertised shortly.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a) **East Renfrewshire Council Education Budget 2018-2021**
Stuart took the council through the 3 year council budget.
Stuart thanked everyone for their feedback in made a difference to the final budget.
- b) **Education Bill Consultation – East Renfrewshire PC Feedback**
Ian mentioned that it came to light at the meeting that East Renfrewshire's parents views were not the same as other parents groups.
Ian went over the draft points. Informative document will be out shortly.
- c) **AGM 7th May – possible change of date**
It was discussed at a previous meeting that it would be idea for the council to participate in the school Improvement Plan. As the Improvement plan is usually finalised towards the end of May, the decision has been made to move the next Parent Council (including the AGM) to Wednesday 30th May.

7. **AOB**

Cllr Gilbert mentioned that Eastwood's art work at Patterton station has become badly water damaged. Stuart will speak to the Art department for new art work. For a pupil's point of view it's great to see what they have achieved. Stuart said he will contact Scotrail. Cllr Gilbert said he would find out who is the best person to speak to regarding getting better frames.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 30th May at 8pm
(This will include our AGM)

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